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Our Ref: B-4345CIP 621324-5
For: "SINGLE-POLE MULTI-THROW SWITCH)
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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicant's duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. Copies of the foreign patent documents and the non-patent publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the U.S. patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are not enclosed, pursuant to Deputy Commissioner Stephen G. Kunin's Pre OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, with the exception of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/786,736, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/792,411, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/792,412, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/836,966, and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/844,104 because these applications have not yet been published.

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It should be noted that the above-identified application may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 09/525,832, filed on March 12, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,518,931); 10/192,986, filed on July 9, 2002 (published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0122721 A1), 10/436,753, filed May 12, 2003 (published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0227351 A1); 10/786,736, filed on February 24, 2004; 10/792,411, filed on March 2, 2004; 10/792,412, filed on March 2, 2004; and 10/836,966, filed April 30, 2004; 10/844,104, filed May 11, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

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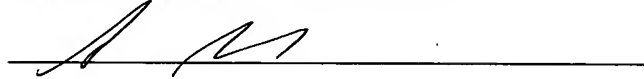
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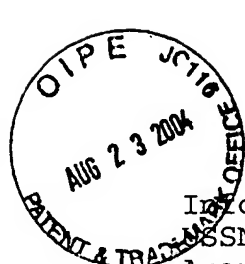
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	2003/0122721 A1	7/2003	Sievenpiper	343	767	
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	3,267,480	8/1966	Lerner	343	911	
	3,560,978	2/1971	Himmel et al.	343	106	
	3,810,183	5/1974	Krutsinger et al.	343	708	
	3,961,333	6/1976	Purinton	343	872	
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	4,124,852	11/1978	Steudel	343	854	
	4,127,586	11/1978	Rody et al.	260	308 B	
	4,150,382	11/1979	King	343	754	
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	4,189,733	2/1980	Malm	343	100 SA	
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	4,236,158	11/1980	Daniel	343	100 LE	
	4,242,685	12/1981	Sanford	343	770	
	4,266,203	5/1981	Saudreau et al.	333	21 A	
	4,308,541	12/1981	Seidel et al.	343	786	
	4,367,475	1/1983	Schiavone	343	767	
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	4,387,377	6/1983	Kandler	343	756	
	4,395,713	7/1983	Nelson et al.	333	713	
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	4,672,386	6/1987	Wood	343	770	
	4,684,953	8/1987	Hall	343	725	
	4,700,197	10/1987	Milne	343	837	
	4,737,795	4/1988	Nagy et al.	343	712	
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	4,803,494	2/1989	Norris et al.	343	770	
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	4,916,457	4/1990	Foy et al.	343	770	
	4,922,263	5/1990	Dubost et al.	343	797	
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	5,115,217	5/1992	McGrath et al.	333	246	
	5,146,235	9/1992	Frese	343	895	
	5,158,611	10/1992	Ura et al.	106	499	
	5,235,343	8/1993	Audren et al.	343	816	
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	5,287,116	2/1994	Iwasaki et al.	343	700 MS	
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	5,402,134	3/1995	Miller et al.	343	742	
	5,406,292	4/1995	Schnetzler et al.	333	700 MS	
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	5,531,018	7/1996	Saia et al.	29	622	
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	5,534,877	7/1996	Sorbello et al.	343	700 MS	
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	5,638,946	6/1997	Zavracky	200	181	
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	5,767,807	9/1998	Pritchett	342	374	
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	5,943,016	9/1999	Synder, Jr. et al.	343	700 MS	
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	6,054,659	4/2000	Lee et al.	200	181	
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